

Southeast PTO Meeting Minutes- May 2, 2016

Attendance- Mary deVecchis, Sheralyn Sibia, Noreen Halbrooks, Jennifer Mott, Jon Sgro, Erin Christopher, Erin Clark, Lindy DeGennaro, Esther Soffer-Roberts, Mel O'Donovan, Lena Rossi

Erin Clark called the meeting to order at 6:40pm

1. Upcoming Events and Spring Fundraisers

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon- Scheduled for May 3rd(tomorrow). The PTO is buying food from Cafemantic, Big Y and Not Just Juice. Parent volunteers have signed up on Sign Up Genius to provide other food items for this special event. Thank you!

Scholastic Book Fair- Scheduled for May 31st-June 3rd- Volunteers are needed to help sell items before school and after school. The fair set up will be Tuesday May 31st after school, and sales will be Wednesday-Friday as well as during the ice cream social time on Friday night. The PTO needs to break down the event on Friday night after the ice cream social. There will be preview time during the day for each teacher to bring classes. We are eligible for a promo kit from Scholastic which includes free books. Looking ahead, Scholastic may not be able to accommodate our annual book fair time during the Thanksgiving week. Historically what has been made for profit during the UConn book fair in November has been given to the SE library to purchase books/materials.

Ice Cream Social- Scheduled for June 3rd from 6:30pm-7:30pm Elle Ouimette is in charge of this event. PTO Officers and spouses will help serve and monetary donations for this event will help support the Demi Fisher family. We will most likely sell Southeast T shirts that night along with tickets to the Applebee's breakfast.

Applebee's Breakfast- Scheduled for June 11th. This event is from 8-10am. Volunteers will need to be there at 7:30. A flyer will be coming out in the coming weeks.

Moving on Ceremony- Scheduled for Thursday June 2nd

2. Wrap Up- Square One Art- no items were missing which was great. The PTO rose over \$2000. The company was very good to work with and we will most likely do this fundraiser again.

Screen Free Week Activities- The George Dennehy concert was amazing. Only approximately 5 families attended the family hike. The question of whether to keep the hike on the Friday of screen free week was mentioned. Game night was attended by approximately 15 families which has been typical the past few years.

Special Thank You's- The PTO would like to thank Mr. Lepine for donating his equipment for our use at the George Dennehy concert. The PTO would also like to thank Mr. Jenks for his help in setting up and operating the equipment for this event.

3. Recruit Volunteers- Teams and chairs for events/fundraisers are needed for the 2016/17 school year. Please consider helping with an event. This will be discussed again at the June meeting. The PTO will not do the Citrus sale next year or the bulb fundraiser. The Wizards game will most likely be an every other year event.

4. Treasurer's Report- Noreen Halbrooks reported that the most recent expenses have been for the Sunshine Club(\$45), The Kids Marathon(\$365), Teacher grant requests(\$564.67) and Math Night(\$300). The PTO is still waiting on the money from Square One Art so this is not part of our income yet. There was a handout available on museum passes to see if the PTO would like to buy passes to donate to the Mansfield Library for public use. Members in attendance reviewed the list and the PTO decided to purchase a library pass to the Lutz Museum for \$100. This pass will admit up to 5 people. A decision to purchase a pass to Old Sturbridge Village will be discussed at June's meeting after we gain more information.

5. May 10th Town Meeting and Vote on Budget- please help get the information out

Also, on May 3rd there will be a referendum at the town hall regarding EO Smith's budget. Meeting attendees also discussed the new high school /relocation issue and if this could be part of the November vote.

6. Principal's Report- Mary deVecchis presented the Principal's report due to Mrs. Rodriguez's absence. The PTO was thanked for their support of Screen Free week and the events we funded. Math SBAC testing will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday this week from 9:30-10:30 for 3rd and 4th graders. Younger grades will have specials earlier in the day to accommodate the testing schedule. English/language arts SBAC testing will be next week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Enrichment clusters start tomorrow(5/3) and will be held every Tuesday in May.

7. Officer Nominees for 2016/17- Please contact Erin Clark if you are interested in being an officer next year because there will be vacancies to fill.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm by Erin Clark.

Meeting minutes submitted by Jennifer Mott and Sheralyn Sibilia.